(b) to (d) The allocations and the supplies are shown below:

	Alloc ations	Supplie		
		1991-	1992-93	1993-
Baroda	0.06	0.058	0.063	0.064
Bharuch/ Ankleshwa	0.17	0.099	0.210	0.180
Surat	0.30	0.40*	0.230	0.280

Started in September, 1991.

As may be seen from the above, supplies . have been more or less as per allocation.

(e) Keeping in view the availability of gas and the commitments made, it is not feasible to make further allocations to the above areas at present.

हिमाचल प्रदेश और सिक्किम में नई एल॰ पी॰ जी॰ एजेंसियां खोला जाना

3964. श्री महेश्वर सिंह: क्या पैट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) हिमाचल प्रदेश और सिक्किम में गत दो वर्षों के दौरान मंत्रालय को विभिन्न स्रोतों से किन–किन स्थानों पर नई गैस एजेंसियां खोलने की मांगे प्राप्त हुई है;

(ख) क्या मंत्रालय ने उपरोक्त सभी मांगों की जांच कराई है ताकि यह पता लगाया जा सके कि ये एजेंसियां किन–किन स्थानों पर खोलना उचित होगा;

(ग) यदि भाग ''ख'' का उत्तर ''हां'' है तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है; और

(घ) इन स्थानों पर गैस एजेंसियां खोलने हेतु क्या कार्यवाही की जा रही है?

पैट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (कैप्टन सतीश शर्मा): (क) से (घ) हिमाचल प्रदेश और सिक्किम सहित देश के विभिन्न भागों से एल पी जी डिस्ट्रीब्यूटरशिपों की स्थापना हेतु समय–समय पर अनुरोध प्राप्त होते हैं, आर्थिक व्यवहार्यता और उत्पाद उपलब्धता की शर्त पर एल पी जी डिस्ट्रीब्यूटरशिपें जिला मुख्यालयों तथा 20,000 और अधिक की जनसंख्या वाले नगरों में चरणबद्ध ढंग से खोली जाती हैं।

Supply or flared up gas from Assam to Calcutta and other places in eastern India.

3965. DR. BIPLAB DASGUPTA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state whether Government are exploring the possibilities of establishing a pipeline network to bring natural gas which is being flared in various oil and gas fields in Assam to Calcutta and other major urban centres in Eastern India?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH SHARMA): Only 1.82 MMSCMD of gas was flared in Assam in 1993-94. The flaring is planned to be reduced this year. It is not feasible to transport such small volumes to Calcutta and Eastern States.

Allotment of LPG agencies in Karnataka

3966. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of LPG agencies which have been sanctioned in Karnataka daring the year 1993-94 and the names and addresses of persons to whom the agencies have been sanctioned;

(b) whether the allotment of LPG agencies in Karnataka have been made through the Oil Selection Board or by the discretionary quota of the Ministry;

(c) if so, how many LPG agencies have been sanctioned in Karnataka from the discretionary quota and names, addresses of such persons with locations of gas agencies; and

(d) what is the criteria to allot such agencies out of the discretionary quota of the Ministry?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH SHARMA): (a) to (d) During the year 1993- , 94 twenty (20) LPG distributorships have been allotted in Karnataka. Out of these, six (6) LPG distributorships were allotted under the discretionary powers of the Government on compassionate grounds. Allotments on compassionate grounds are made in deserving gases keeping in view the circumstances of each case.

Expansion of Bongaigaon Refinery

3967. SHRI VIREN J. SHAH
SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN:
Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to refer to the

answers to Unstarred Questions 2193 and 2200 given in the Rajya Sabha on 10th August, 1994 and state:

(a) when the work on the expansion of Bongaigaon refinery from existing 1.35 million tonnes to 2.3S million tonnes per annum will be completed; and

(b) how will the optimum crude oil requirement of the aforesaid refinery be met and will be met in future particularly in view of the reduced supply of crude oil from Assam?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH SHARMA): (a) The expansion of Bongaigaon Refinery from 1.35 MT to 2.35 MT is scheduled to be mechanically completed by December, 1994.

(b) The production of crude oil from Assam is expected to increase in future and as a result crude availability for Bongaigaon Refinery would also improve.

Distribution of Kerosene to States

3968. MAULANA OBAIDULLAH KHAN AZMI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government have reviewed the distribution system of Kerosene to various States;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the steps taken or proposed to be taken to check black marketing of kerosene?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS: (CAPT. SATISH SHARMA): (a) to (c) The Government keeps on reviewing the distribution system of Kerosene. Apart from allowing growth in the allocation of Kerosene to various States, the Central Government has also requested the State Governments to rationalise the system of retail distribution to identify points of diversion and to take steps to plug the loopholes to prevent blackmarketing of Kerosene so that it reaches the targeted groups in time and in desired quantities and at prescribed prices.

(d) In order to check blackmarketing of Kerosene, steps such as furfural doping of Kerosene, blue dyeing of Kerosene, sample testing by mobile laboratories and surprise inspections by field officers of Oil Companies and State authorities are undertaken.

Target of ONGC for crude oil production

3969. SHRI RAHASBIHARI BARIK: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the target set by ONGC for the production of Crude Oil during the financial year 1994-95;

(b) whether ONGC has improved its performance during 1993-94;

(c) if not, the steps taken by ONGC to increase the performance so that the target set for 1994-95 is achieved; and

(d) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH SHARMA): (a) The target for crude oil production by ONIGC during 1994-95 has been fixed at 29.349 million tonnes.

(b) As against a crude oil production of .24.427 million tonnes by ONGC during 1992-93, their actual production during 1993-94 was 24.205 million tonnes.

(c) ONGC have initiated a number of short-term and medium-term measures to step up crude oil production. As a result, the production of crude oil by ONGC during the current year is expected to be about 5.144 million tonnes more than the production achieved by them last year. The production of crude oil vis-a-vis target is closely monitored on a monthly basis, regionwise.

Proposal for setting up 8 bottling plant in Gorakhpur, Uttar Pradesh

3970. SHRI SANJAY DALMIA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any proposal from Government of Uttar Pradesh to setup a bottling plant at Gorakhpur in Uttar Pradesh; and